



### **3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS TO RECEIVE DOGWOOD SEEDLINGS FOR ARBOR DAY**

On Friday, March 16th over 6000 dogwood seedlings will be given to Guilford County 3rd graders to celebrate Arbor Day. The school that plants the largest percentage of Arbor Day seedlings will win a pizza party for all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in their school and a tree will be planted on their school grounds. "This project is a great way to replace the trees we have lost over they years," explains Mike Cusimano the City Urban Forester.

Funding is provided through a grant from Syngenta Crop Protection. Other program sponsors include the NC Cooperative Extension Service in Guilford County; The City of Greensboro's Urban Forestry Program and Parks & Recreation Department; Greensboro Beautiful and Guilford County Master Gardener Volunteers; and Davey Tree and Lawn Care.

Volunteers from Greensboro Beautiful and American Express helped put the trees into individual plastic bags. One of the volunteers explained, "This project it will create a wonderful experience for the children to plant their tree and watch it grow. I'm proud to be a part of that experience."

For further information contact Mike Cusimano, Urban Forester, 373-2150.

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Departments/Planning/forestry/>

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